

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

FIGS. 8 to 11 show boot 54 removed from about connector 40. A connector opening 94 is opposite from cable end 60 ~~[[62]]~~ and allows entry through distal end 68 into an interior space 95, where connector 40 may be positioned. Within interior space 95 are a plurality of ridges 106 which cooperate with a mating plurality of grooves 108 about the locking mechanism of connector 40 (shown in FIG. 12). Ridges 106 and grooves 108 cooperate to permit a user to grasp ~~finger-grooves~~ gripping surface 58 about boot 54 of connector assembly 50 and retract the locking mechanism of connector 40, permitting connector 40 to be disengaged from a mating connector, such as connector 42.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

FIGS. 17 to 20 show boot 56 removed from about connector 42. A connector opening 122 is opposite from cable end 60 ~~[[62]]~~ and allows entry through distal end 70 into an interior space 126, where connector 42 may be positioned. Within interior space 126 are a plurality of ridges 106 on an inner wall 128. Ridges 106 cooperate with a mating plurality of grooves 108 about the locking mechanism of connector 42 (shown in FIG. 21). Ridges 106 and grooves 108 cooperate to permit a user to grasp ~~finger-grooves~~ gripping surface 58 about boot 56 of connector assembly 52 and retract the locking mechanism of connector 42, permitting connector 42 to be disengaged from a mating connector, such as connector 40.